**Social Protection / Safety Nets and the FFP Strategy**

**TOPS-Hosted Partner Consultation**

**January 12: 9-12:30**

**Goal:** Identify the most appropriate roles for FFP in direct delivery and in strengthening systems for social protection and how these roles may differ according to context.

**Session Design**

**9am: Introduction and Ice Breaker: Shelia (10 minutes)**

**9:10am: Framing Presentation and Discussion: John (20 minutes)**

* Clarify terminology and concepts around social protection and safety nets.
* Clarify differences between local or community-managed safety net systems and government-led national systems, and value of each.

Format: Presentation followed by Q&A

**9:30am: Brainstorming Session: Joan (20 minutes)**

* Using examples from the previous exercise as a jumping off point, identify the range of potential roles for FFP programs in both direct delivery or in strengthening systems at both the local/community and national levels.
* Identify roles that are outside of FFP’s domain.

Format: Plenary discussion, capture on flip charts, note taking by TOPS

**9:50am: Small Group Exercise and Report Out: Joan (60 minutes: 5 minutes to introduce exercise, 30 minutes to work in small groups and 25 minutes for report out and subsequent discussion)**

* Identify best roles based on context (three typologies)
* Identify obstacles and factors for success in each

Format: 1) Introduction of exercise (typologies on PPT, 2) Small group exercise, participants indicate roles/interventions on post-its to post on flip chart for each typology 3) Discuss obstacles and factors for success in plenary. 4) Note taking by TOPS

**10:50am: Break (15 minutes)**

**11:05am: Small Group Discussion: Joan (60 minutes, 15 minutes group discussion, 15 minutes for report out and discussion on each question)**

* Question 1: Rather than simply transfer resources over a fixed period of time, we should be striving to strengthen social protection systems that will bring long-term potential for transformation. What transition strategies can be put into place that will allow us to integrate social protection into local systems to ensure lasting impact beyond the timeframe of our programs?
* Question 2: Can synergies be created between social protection activities and our work in other sectors? Do complementary activities have the potential to increase the impact of social protection programs? If so, how and which ones? Conversely, can social protection interventions strengthen the impact of our work in other sectors? If so, how and is this particularly true in some sectors more than others or with some social protection interventions?
* Question 3: How can we ensure that social protection programs enhance and support traditional or community-level safety nets? How can we best understand the traditional systems in place, and provide linkages, partnerships and capacity strengthening to ensure our efforts do not undermine what is already in place?

Format: 1) Small group discussion, each group discusses one question, with a notetaker identified for each group. 2) Report out in plenary, 3) notes taken by TOPS

**12:05pm: Guided Group Discussion: Shelia (20 minutes)**

* What are examples of successful social protection and safety nets programs?
* Why were the programs successful?

Format: Plenary discussion, capture on flip charts, note taking by TOPS

**12:25pm: Closing: Shelia (5 minutes)**

* **Remind attendees of sessions on January 28 and February 11**
* **Thank you**